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Letter dated 26 September 1996 from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee addressed to the Chairman of the Third Committee

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly decided to allocate agenda item 114 (Programme planning) to the Fifth Committee. You may recall that the General Assembly, in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, resolved to achieve improvement in the consultative process for the formulation of the medium-term plan through, inter alia, consultations in a systematic way regarding the major programmes in the plan with sectoral, technical, regional and central bodies in the United Nations, with a view to establishing the broadest possible agreement. As in the past, it is therefore understood that each programme of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, as appropriate, will be submitted to the Main Committees for review.

In that connection, I would like to invite you to ensure that the programme of work of your Committee is organized in such a manner as to facilitate the consideration of the proposed programmes relevant to the work of your Committee prior to the consideration of the item by the Fifth Committee.

I wish to inform you that the Fifth Committee intends to begin its consideration of the item on programme planning on 21 October. I should therefore be grateful if you would bring this issue to the attention of your Committee and arrange that the views of your Committee on programmes 12, Crime prevention and criminal justice; 13, International drug control; 19, Human rights; 20, Humanitarian assistance; 21, Protection and assistance to refugees; and 22, Palestinian refugees, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 are communicated to me as soon as possible.

(Signed) Ngoni Francis SENGWE
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